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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DEFECTIONS BY ROMANIAN CHOREOGRAPHERS

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1. DEPARTMENT LEARNED DECEMBER 1 THAT DUMITRESCU'S SON
HAS SAFELY REACHED WEST GERMANY.

2. BOTH DUMITRESCU AND ZIRRA ARE REPORTEDLY PLANNING TO
APPLY FOR EXTENSIONS OF THEIR ROMANIAN EXIT VISAS TO WORK
FOR ONE TO TWO MONTHS WITH CALIFORNIA BALLET. ZIRRA, AT
LEAST, INTENDS VISA EXTENSION TO LEAVE POSSIBILITY OPEN
OF RETURN TO ROMANIA. DUMITRESCU, ON OTHER HAND, EVIDENTLY
INTENDS VISA REQUEST ONLY AS TEMPORARY MEASURE TO PROTECT
HUSBAND IN ROMANIA FROM ADVERSE RESULTS OF HER DEFECTION.
IN VIEW OF CIRCUMSTANCES, WE FEEL IT WOULD BE PREMATURE
TO SAY ANYTHING TO GOR UNTIL THE TWO MAKE THEIR PLANS
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